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1. GURC ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 18 ON
"DESTRUCTION OF GABONESE GENDARMERIE BRIGADE AT MEYO-KYE IN
CAMEROONIAN TERRITORY": QUOTE

"FAITHFUL TO CAMEROON'S POLICY OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS AND
FRIENDLY COOPERATION, THE HEAD OF STATE AHMADOU AHIDJO ON
JUNE 14, 1976, MET WITH GABONESE PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO
AT NGAUNDERE IN ORDER TO DEFINITELY DETERMINE A
POINT ON THE BORDER BETWEEN GABON AND CAMEROON.

2. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE REACHED AT TOTAL AGREEMENT ACCORDING
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TO WHICH A GABONESE GENDARMERIE BRIGADE OF MEYO-KYE WHICH

HAPPENED TO BE ESTABLISHED ON CAMEROON TERRITORY HAD TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GABONESE AREA.

3. ALL THAT REMAINED WAS TO NEGOTIATE THE FRIENDLY PAYMENT OF THE INVESTMENT REALIZED BY THE GABONESE ON THE CAMEROONIAN TERRITORY. ON PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO'S PROPOSAL, CAMEROONIAN AND GABONESE DELEGATIONS HAD TO MEET ON THE PLACE WHERE THE BRIGADE WAS SET UP IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE SAID INVESTMENTS WHICH THE CAMEROON GOVERNMENT WAS DISPOSED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR.

4. THE TWO DELEGATIONS ACTUALLY MET ON NOVEMBER 16, 1976, AND HARDLY HAD THEY PARTED WHEN IT CAME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF CAMEROONIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE BRIGADE HAD BEEN DESTROYED.

5. THE CAMEROON GOVERNMENT HAS URGED THE BORDER AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT WITHIN THE NATIONAL TERRITORY. UNQUOTE

6. CAMEROON TRIBUNE NOVEMBER 19 REPORTS, ACCORDING TO AFP FROM LIBREVILLE, THAT GABONESE HAVE CLOSED NORTH AND NORTH WEST BORDER AFTER INCIDENT OF NOV. 16. TRIBUNE SAID ACCORDING PRESIDENT BONGO, "SOME UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN MILITARY UNIFORM CIRCULATED IN TWO VEHICLES, ATTACKED THE BRIGADE POST AT SOUTH MEYO-KYE WITH ROCKETS AND EXPLOSIVES. A BUILDING OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION WAS 90 PER CENT DESTROYED."

7. EMBASSY COMMENT: REPORTS CONFUSING, BUT BELIEVE REFERENCE TO BRIGADE BEING DESTROYED REFERS TO BUILDING.

8. ON INSTITUT GEOGRAPHIQUE NATIONAL MAP NUMBER NB-32-XVIII, MEYO-KYE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 5 KM. NE EBEBIYIN, 2 DEG. N, 11 DEG. 23 MIN. E.
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